

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010, 6:30 PM
ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The School Committee met on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the High School Library. Committee members present were: Mr. Norris, Mrs. Pezzella, Mr. Mills, and Mrs. Werkheiser. Superintendent Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Scarpelli, and Mrs. Cusick were also present.

Representing the press were citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV.

Mr. Sangster, High School Principal; Ms. Salem, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Kohn and Dr. Levine, Jefferson Co-Principals; Mr. Stanish, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Miklos, Pre-School Director; a members of the Special Education PAC, members of the Jefferson School PAC, members of the Rockland Energy Committee were present in the audience.

Mr. Norris stated that Mr. Mullen was not in attendance because he was receiving a college scholarship in Boston. The Committee congratulated Mr. Mullen.

Mr. Norris expressed condolences from the Committee to the family of James Shields. It was stated that Mrs. Shields has been very involved in supporting activities for the schools.

On motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2010 were accepted. Mr. Norris abstained.

A request from the Rockland Memorial Library to distribute flyers to middle school students and to post at the elementary schools and high school was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous.

The Committee reviewed the Rockland Youth Commission summer program flyer that had been approved by the Superintendent earlier because of time constraints. The flyer was sent to elementary and middle school students.

A request from the Rockland Taxation Aid Committee to distribute flyers to elementary and middle school students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous.

Rockland Girl Scout Delaney Leahy gave the Committee an overview of the proposed "No Idling" project that she has formulated. The Superintendent and the Committee were pleased with Ms. Leahy's efforts. On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the project was adopted.

A request from the Select F. C. Club to distribute flyers to elementary students was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous.

The Superintendent reported that busing schedule for the 2010-2011 School Year has been revised to include all elementary schools on the same time schedule and the middle and high school on the same schedule with the middle and high school starting one half hour later. It was announced that Ms. Linehan and Ms. Ryan attended a seminar on cyber bullying training and the Superintendent attended the MASS Spring meeting with the focus on bullying. Mr. Scarpelli and Ms. Bohn will attend a seminar in June on Aggression Reduction. It was noted that the National Honor Society induction was held recently with twenty-seven juniors being inducted. Mr. Retchless announced that two new science teachers have been hired at the Middle School. These are not new positions. Mrs. Sheehan received over eighty applications for the position of Grade 4 teacher and she is interviewing along with Assistant Principal Candidates at the Middle School

On four separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the following Financial Reports for April were accepted:

- 1) School Department
- 2) High School Student Activities
- 3) Middle School Student Activities
- 4) Cafeteria

It was noted that the cafeteria report looked good.

On seventeen separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the following March/April Monthly Reports were accepted:

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| 1) Art | Mrs. Gibson |
| 2) Athletic | Mr. Graziano |
| 3) Computer Technology | Mr. Wells |
| 4) Day Care | Mrs. Veiga |
| 5) Deans | Mrs. Schipper/Mr. Damon |
| 6) English | Ms. McDonough |
| 7) Family Consumer Sci./Tech Ed. | Mr. Graziano |
| 8) Foreign Language | Mrs. Palmer |
| 9) Library/IMC | Mrs. Linehan |
| 10) Math | Mr. Casagrande |
| 11) Music | Mr. Harden |
| 12) Radio/TV Station | Mr. Cable-Murphy |
| 13) Science | Mr. Casagrande |
| 14) Social Studies | Mr. Grimmett |
| 15) Special Education (8-12) | Mrs. McGonnigal |
| 16) Title I | Title I Parent Coordinator |
| 17) Middle School | Ms. Bohn |

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, it was voted to approve the 2010-2011 Middle School Program of Studies.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, it was voted to approve the 2010-2011 Middle School Handbook

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, it was voted to approve the proposed Elementary Mathematics Textbook/Program, *EnVision Math Program*, Scott Foresman, Addison Wesley. It was noted that fifteen teachers were involved in reviewing this proposal.

Mrs. Werkheiser announced that the last meeting of the School Building Committee included a review of the plans for both the middle and high school, especially the exteriors. There was a general discussion regarding the exterior of the entrance to the high school and the proposed clock tower. It is expected that the middle school will be completed in January 2012.

Mr. Paul, Chairman of the Rockland Historical Commission, read a prepared statement regarding the result of a vote taken by the Commission to demolish the 1745 House with special concerns for safeguarding any historical contents of the building. It was noted that the time capsule and its contents will be relocated and that a historical technician will be consulted to see what items should be preserved.

Ms. Perrilli, Energy Committee Chairman, opened the Energy Committee meeting and reviewed the Esten School solar Energy project. It was reported that the Committee voted unanimously to award the bid to Fall River Electric. The Energy Committee meeting was adjourned. On the motion by Mrs. Pezzella, seconded by Mr. Mills, unanimous, it was voted to award the bid to Fall River Electric.

Mrs. Thibault of the Jefferson School PAC reviewed various fundraisers, grants and donations, field trips, and cultural activities that occurred during the school year. Mrs. Thibault thanked Mr. Kohn and Dr. Levine for their efforts during the past several years on behalf of the children at Jefferson School. The Superintendent thanked members of the Jefferson PAC for their participation in the Jefferson School Principal Search Committee.

Mr. Kohn and Dr. Levine, Jefferson School Co-Principals, reviewed the activities of the School Council which included the School Improvement Plan items of curriculum, Professional Development, and student services. The Principals commended the PAC members for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the students at Jefferson School.

Ms. Salem, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and members of the SPED PAC, reviewed the activities of the SPED PAC for the year including meeting agendas and the annual toll booth. The Committee would like to meet with other school PACs in the future.

The Superintendent reviewed the 2010 Summer School Program and commended Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Cusick for their efforts with this project.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, it was voted to declare a listing of English books as surplus.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, it was voted to table the vote on the proposed 2010-2011 Parent Handbook for Pre-School EASE/LEAP/STEPS. The Committee requested that a dress code be added to the handbook.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, it was voted to approve the Antioch Family Scholarship as recommended by the Superintendent.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, it was voted to approve the Mary B. McSharry Memorial Scholarship as recommended by the Superintendent.

Superintendent Retchless announced the appointment of Ms. McNamara as the Part-time Special Education Coordinator for the Middle School.

Mrs. Werkheiser expressed condolences to the Gibbons family and the Ryan family on the passing of family members and also the family of Mrs. Shields. The Committee congratulated the graduating class and wished them well. There were kudos given to the Middle School Art Department and the students for the Art Festival that was held recently. Mr. Norris invited the public to the Memorial Day ceremony to be held on Friday at the Esten School.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Werkheiser, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary